

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

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To solve the aforementioned problems, the present invention provides a constant-voltage circuit which includes a constant-current portion, a reference voltage portion, and an output portion. The constant-current portion causes, when a start signal is supplied in an active state, an electric current to start flowing to output a first control signal and a second control signal of predetermined levels and continue outputting the first and second control signals even after the start signal is eased in an active state. The reference voltage portion outputs a first reference voltage when only the first control signal is supplied in response to said first control signal while the state signal is in said inactive state and outputs a second reference voltage higher than the first reference voltage when the first control signal and the start signal are supplied at the same time in response to said first control signal while said start signal is in said active state. The output portion outputs a constant internal voltage corresponding to the first or second reference voltage which is output from the reference voltage portion when the second control signal is supplied.